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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Security Committee

SECOM-M-210

15 February 1978

Minutes

Two Hundred and Tenth Meeting
Wednesday, 8 February 1978, 1000 Hours
Room 4E64, Langley Headquarters Building

[Redacted]
Acting Chairman
Presiding

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Merrill T. Kelly, Department of the Army
Col. Russell T. Newman, Department of the Air Force
Mr. Dennis Southern, Department of Treasury
Mr. David Ryan, Federal Bureau of Investigation
[Redacted] Defense Intelligence Agency

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Mr. David McCabe, Department of State
[Redacted] National Security Agency
[Redacted] National Security Agency
Mr. Martin Dowd, Department of Energy
Mr. Richard Welch, Department of the Navy
[Redacted] Central Intelligence Agency
Maj. Henry R. Koch, Department of the Air Force
Mr. Larry Myers, Department of the Air Force
Mr. Edward Grigalus, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Mr. David Humphrey, Department of Treasury
[Redacted] Defense Intelligence Agency
[Redacted] Defense Intelligence Agency
Ltc. Jerry D. Fink, Department of the Army

ALSO PRESENT

[Redacted] Chairman, Technical Surveillance Countermeasures
[Redacted] Chairman, Computer Security Subcommittee
[Redacted] Chairman, R&D Subcommittee
[Redacted] Executive Secretary, R&D Subcommittee
[Redacted] Chairman, SCI Denials Working Group
LTC Ernest B. Petersen, Department of the Air Force
[Redacted] Defense Intelligence Agency
[Redacted] Central Intelligence Agency
[Redacted] National Security Agency
Mr. Don Stigers, Department of State
Maj. John Seidlerz, Department of the Air Force
[Redacted] DCI Security Committee Staff
[Redacted] Secretary, DCI Security Committee

*Present for part of meeting.

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Preliminary Comments

25X1 a. ☐ Introduction of New Alternate Members. Mr. Kelly introduced LTC Jerry D. Fink, Director of Counterintelligence for ACSI, as a new Army alternate member of the DCI Security Committee. Col. Newman introduced Ltc. Ernest Petersen as a new Air Force alternate member of the Committee. 25X1



25X1 c. ☐ Information Directory. An information directory listing the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the members of the Committee, Subcommittees, and Working Groups was distributed to members of the Committee. 25X1 ☐ asked members to keep the Committee staff informed of all changes to the directory.

25X1 d. ☐ Memo from HPSCI. The Acting Chairman distributed copies of a recent memorandum from the Chairman, House Permanent Select Committee for Intelligence, seeking information on systems of compartmentation. The memorandum was distributed for the information of the Committee.

25X1 e. ☐ Sound Attenuation Tests. Copies of a memorandum on sound attenuation tests for secure conference rooms were distributed to Committee members. The Acting Chairman suggested that this be taken into account when the Committee revises its physical security standards for compartmented spaces.

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes

25X1 ☐ The minutes distributed in SECOM-M-209 were approved as written. 25X1

ITEM 2: Reports of Chairmen



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Subcommittee had completed and had available for reference a listing of all documents and reports in the Subcommittee library.

25X1 c. [] Compartmentation Subcommittee. Col. Newman, Chairman, advised that his Subcommittee was continuing to work on two projects: a possible revision of the attachment to DCID 1/7 covering release of intelligence to contractors, and a revision of the countries and areas to which travel or assignment is considered hazardous from a security viewpoint.

25X1 d. [] Computer Security Subcommittee. [] Chairman, 25X1
25X1 stated that [] CIA, had agreed to be the leader for the Com-
puter Security Threat Working Group. This group will update and rewrite
the DCI Computer Security Threat Report. [] asked that all 25X1
25X1 available computer security threat-related information be provided to
[] also stated that the Computer Security Sub-
committee Workshop had been changed to 13-17 March 1978. The following
items were distributed to Committee members: a notebook from the
Computer Security Seminar held by the [] 25X1
on 27 January 1978, and a draft OMB circular A71 (Transmittal Memorandum
No. 1) on security of federal automated information systems.

25X1 e. [] Unauthorized Disclosures Working Group. [] 25X1
Chairman, said he had met with [] to discuss the 25X1
25X1 study that the latter is heading on damage assessments in espionage
cases. [] advised that [] DIA, was coordinating 25X1
inputs made to this study by the Military Services. [] noted 25X1
that press leaks of intelligence were continuing unabated and distributed
for information copies of a report listing some of these recent leaks.

25X1 f. [] Investigative Standards Working Group. [] 25X1
Chairman, advised he had nothing new to report.

25X1 g. [] SCI Turndown Working Group. [] Chairman, 25X1
summarized security problems they had identified. One of these problems
is the non-availability of polygraph results on persons who are no longer
affiliated with the agency where they were originally polygraphed.
25X1 [] NSA, described some of their problems in keeping records
on persons they had screened and turned down for access. [] 25X1
noted a problem occurring in industry where one agency adjudicating
a subject for access would not have the opportunity of knowing that the
same subject had been turned down by another adjudicating agency.

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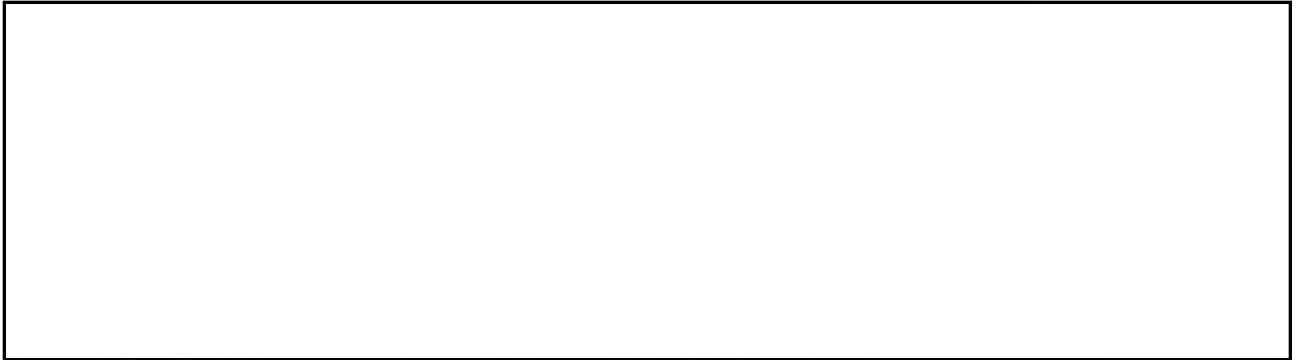
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ITEM 5: Briefing on Security Protection of Microforms

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[] Chairman of the Micrographics Working Group of the DCI Information Handling Committee, presented a slide and tape presentation showing the extent to which micrographics are used in CIA as an illustration of the scope of security problems involved. He noted that one problem is the extremely small size of microforms and the difficulty of marking them to clearly show their classification and security control. [] said that new data systems with remote access and reading terminals raise a security problem of copy control. He said another problem is the need for a uniform policy on marking sensitive documents held in or processed through micrographic form.

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[] CIA, said he thought there was a question as to whether micrographic advances had rendered obsolete the practice of assigning copy control numbers to sensitive documents. The Committee agreed to the Acting Chairman's request that each major micrographic-producing agency should participate in identifying security problems and in recommending possible solutions. [] asked Committee members to give [] or the Committee staff the names of their representatives to work on this problem. 25X1

ITEM 6: New Business

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a. [] Mr. McCabe, State, discussed recent action by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) to delete from SF86 questions bearing on loyalty of applicants for sensitive government positions. (The questions involved concern membership in or support of the Communist Party or other totalitarian organizations.) Mr. McCabe said he believed the unilateral action showed that CSC did not accept the Intelligence Community's contention that responses to such questions were necessary from a counterintelligence viewpoint. Mr. McCabe foresees the possibility of CSC ruling that the same or similar questions could not be asked of applicants in personal interviews. Mr. McCabe feels that the Investigative Standards Working Group should try to determine what personal information was truly relevant to the personnel security process.

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[] suggested the desirability of identifying specific problems to the DCI for his use in discussions with the NSC or other bodies. Mr. Ryan, FBI, said he believed the Community needed to take up this matter because of the increasingly broad dissemination of intelligence data. The Committee agreed to task the Investigative Standards Working Group to review this issue and report their results to the Committee.

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b. [] Several members expressed their concern about the impact on their agencies of a recent action by the Chairman of the SIGINT Committee leading to a decision by the DCI to freeze COMINT accesses at their present level. It was noted that any future memoranda such as the one by the SIGINT Committee Chairman should be thoroughly coordinated to ensure the accuracy and currency of data.

ITEM 7: Next Meeting

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[] The Acting Chairman scheduled the next DCI Security Committee meeting for 8 March 1978 to be held in Room 6W02, Community Headquarters Building.

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